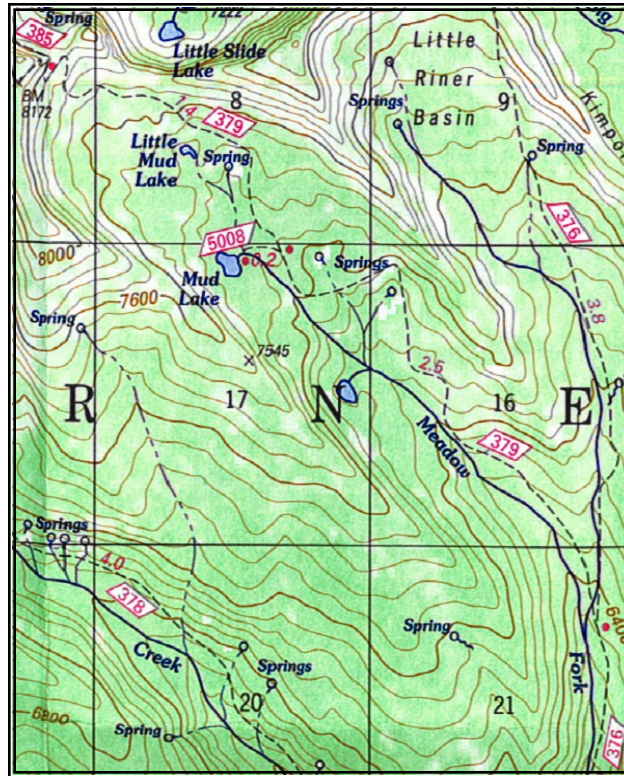


What is Wilderness?

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines Wilderness as:

A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.



Map sections taken from Strawberry Mountain Wilderness Map, available for purchase at all Malheur National Forest offices.

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***Mud Lake
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The Mud Lake Trail is located on the south side of the Strawberry Mountain Range, in the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness, and ranges in elevation from 6300 ft. and climbs to 7500 ft.

The trail can be accessed during the summer months for recreation.

This trail is in the wilderness, no mechanized modes of travel are allowed. This includes, but is not limited to bicycles, ohv's, and game carts.

What to Look Forward To

This is a very good trail for the hiker looking for solitude in a wilderness lake setting.

Great Hike

This trail offers great one or multiday hikes, leading up to Mud Lake and Little Mud Lake, and connecting to other trails. A great one day hike would be to either of the lakes. For a multiday hike, the trail connects with Skyline Trail #385. From Skyline the choices for hikes are numerous. A great trail for diverse experiences. If you are going to build a campfire please stay 100 ft. from water sources and use existing fire rings.

Safety In the Woods

Be prepared for all types of conditions and weather. Bring with you extra food and water, or a water filtration system. Be bear and cougar aware, tie food up in a tree or bring a bear box to protect food, never keep food in your tent. Have a plan for your trip and let your family and friends know where you are planning on going and an estimated time of return. Do not depend on cell coverage or GPS. Have a paper map and know how to read it. Plan ahead and be safe.

Trail Information

The trail is 3.5 miles in length, one way.

Difficult

Directions

From Hwy 26 enter the town of Prairie City, turn onto South Main Street. At the first stop sign turn left onto Bridge Street. Continue on this road, which turns into County Rd. 62. Follow County Rd. 62 to the junction with Forest Rd. 16, head West on Forest Rd. 16, travel approximately 3 miles to Forest Rd. 1648, follow this road to it's connection with Forest Rd. 021, from there turn onto Forest Rd. 039 to the trail head of Meadow Fork Trail.

